

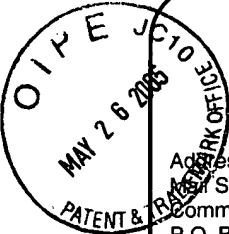
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- ii. ☒ Other Please consider the arguments in the Amendment After Final previously filed on March 28, 2005
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Combined Request for Continued Examination; Petition for Extension of Time; Response to Advisory Action and Supplemental Response After Final

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- b. ☐ Other _____

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114;
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136;
RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION AND
SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 26, 2005 and the Advisory Action mailed May 3, 2005, Applicant is hereby requesting a continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Applicant filed an Amendment After Final on March 28, 2005, however the amendments to the claims were not entered. The Amendment After Final on March 28, 2005 is a submission per §1.114(c), and Applicant requests entry of the amendments.

Applicant also hereby requests a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to respond to the Final Office Action mailed on January 26, 2005.

Enclosed is a check for the continued examination fee and one-month extension of time request. Please consider this response as submission of authorization to charge deposit account 08-0750 for any additional fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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